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1. PRIOR AUG. 27 DEPARTURE FROM BAHRAIN OF GOB FONMIN
SHAIKH MOHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK AL-KHALIFA, AMBASSADOR HAD
OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH HIM IN GENERAL TERMS U.S.
POSTURE OUTLINED REFTTEL ON KEY ISSUES IN UN AND TO INDICATE
USG ATTITUDES TOWARDS CERTAIN SPSCIFIC ISSUES OUTLINED REFTTEL.
SH. MOHD. WILL BE AT UN APPROX SEPT. 18-30; BECAUSE OF VACATION
PLANS IN EUROPE AND COMMITMENT TO ATTEND ARAB LEAGUE MEETING
IN CAIRO HE WILL NOT BE RETURNING TO BAHRAIN PRIOR TO HIS
UN ATTENDANCE.

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2. FONMIN EXPRESSED SPECIAL INTEREST IN U.S. POSITIONS ON IRANIAN MEFNZ ITEM AND ON POSSIBLE INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE RESOLUTION. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF USUN COULD BRIEF HIM FURTHER ON THESE ISSUES AND U.S. POSITION AS THEY DEVELOP DURING SESSION. HE IS, OF COURSE, ALSO QUITE INTERESTED IN U.S. POSITION ON ANY MIDDLE EAST RESOLUTION AS WELL AS UNRWA AND UNEF/UNDOF FINANCING. FONMIN ALSO EXPRESSED SYMPATTATIC INTEREST IN U.S. STANCE TOWARD KOREAN QUESTION AND HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL ON THIS AS WELL AS OTHER ISSUES.

3. IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT BAHRAIN TO PULL GREAT WEIGHT IN INFLUENCING ARAB VOTES IN UNGA, OR TO BE WILLING TO STICK NECK OUT TOO FAR IN FUTILE EFFORT TO DO SO, ON ISSUES OF MAJOR CONCERN TO ARABS. AT SAME TIME GOB REGARDS ITSELF AS FAST FRIEND OF U.S., TENDS TO BE UNIMPRESSED BY IDEOLOGICAL RHETORIC IN GENERAL AND ARAB RHETORIC IN PARTICULAR, AND AS A MATTER OF POLICY PREFERS THE MODERATE COURSE ON MOST ISSUES. SINCE SH. MOHD. IS PERHAPS BRIGHTEST AND MOST ARTICULATE OF ARABIAN PENINSULA FONMINS WHO WILL BE IN NEW YORE, RECOMMEND HIM AS CONTACT TO USUN IN HOPE THAT HE MAY INDEED BE HELPFUL ON CERTAIN ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE.
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